

News Notes and Gossip of Interest to Horsemen and Golfers

TROTTER AND PACER

Riders and Drivers' Association Pay Tribute to P. V. De Graw—Accepts Invitation to Parade at Coming Horse Show—Other Comment.

By L. D. SALES.

In spite of much rotten weather, the Drivers and Riders' Association of the District of Columbia is getting there with both feet and wheels.

The meeting held by the association last Tuesday evening at the St. James Hotel was in matter, volume of business done, and time actually consumed, a record-breaker. The oldest charter member could not recall the time when such a volume of important business was transacted in so short a period. Best of all, every member present took a rosy view of the future, and backed it up in a substantial manner by putting his hand down deep in his pocket for things needed to make the wheels go around for the season of 1911. The men who are active in the affairs of the Drivers and Riders' Association of today are men who talk little and do a great deal.

A well-deserved tribute was paid to P. V. De Graw, the association's former president, who did more than any other man to bring the association into existence, by placing him on the honorary list of retired presidents of the organization. The invitation of Maj. Henry T. Allen to the association to participate in the parade at the opening of the coming horse show, May 4, was received with enthusiasm, and the boys and their steeds will be in line. On the day previous, May 3, at 2 p. m., the association will hold a meeting at the new Speedway, and every member who owns a horse will, of course, be on hand, and every one who enjoys light harness sport will, of course, be on the job on the day mentioned. Col. Cosby is on the last lap this week in the matter of getting the track in condition.

Few persons are aware that within eight miles of Washington there is one of the very few remaining sons of Alcantara. His name is Notchell, and his registered number is 275. Notchell is the property of the Western Stock Farm, located near Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, of which Mr. H. B. Clapp, of Washington and Upper Marlboro, is owner and manager. Notchell was bred by the late J. G. Davis, of Lees Mass., one of the great breeders in his day of New England blood, and was foaled on the property of the late Hon. John K. Cowen, of Baltimore. After the death of Mr. Cowen he passed to Mr. Ryan, of Baltimore, and after the latter's death to W. W. E. Miller, of this city, and, later still, to his present owner.

This son of Alcantara, 2:25, who has spent the better part of his life in comparative obscurity, is an extremely highly finished chestnut, 15.5 hands in height, and weighs upward of 1,100 pounds. Those who are acquainted with the Alcantaras think him one of the very handsomest of Alcantara's sons. His dam is the celebrated Nancy Medium dam of Bel and Bayonne Prince, 2:24; second dam Belle Medium, of Nancy Medium #6, size of Nancy Hawk, 2:24; third dam Belle Vernon, by Gen. Scott, by Sherman Blue Hawk, by Verne Black Hawk, 2:24; fourth dam the dam of James K. Polk.

All of Notchell's dams, up to and including the fourth, were producers of speed. Nancy Medium, his first dam, produced Bel Bird (2:30), and others; Belle Medium, his second dam, produced Nancy Bird (2:30) and several others in time better than 2:25; Belle Vernon, his third dam, produced the dam of Matt Medium (2:24), Bayonne Prince, of Nancy Medium, was a son of Kentucky Prince (2:24), by Clark Chief, by Mambrino Chief. Had Bayonne Prince only sired the great race mare Grace Hastings (2:12), he would be counted as among the very greatest of sires. But he also sired Nutshell (2:15), Mahogany (2:14), and Finesse Prince (2:15). As for Alcantara, it would be like carrying coals to Newcastle to dwell on his excellencies as a sire.

He was a full brother of Alcione (2:27) that sired the illustrious McKinley (2:14), that in turn stands at the head of all sires of speed, living or dead, he having twice as many in the 2:30 list as any other living or dead sire. Mr. Davis, who bred Notchell, owned Alcantara and Alcione, and previous to his tragic death leased their dam, Alma Mater, dam of eight in 2:30 or better. This illustrious daughter of Mambrino Patchen is, an imported Australian, is breeding on, and her blood is counted worth its weight in gold.

A study of the Yearbook, which is the only gospel by which intelligent breeders can swear, indicates that the sons of Hambletonian 10 that promise to breed on longest are George T. Jones, Electioneer, Happy Medium, Abdallah 15, and Strathmore. Of the Mambrino Chief II family, the blood of Mambrino Patchen is, and that of Woodford Mambrino (2:15), through their sons and daughters, seems destined to hold the head of the list of time. Abdallah 15 is destined to make his potency as a sire felt for all time through Nutwood (2:14), that highly finished and magnificent son of Belmont and Miss Russell. He stands upward of 15 in class by himself, and promises to do so for the next quarter of a century. Notchell has as good a right to produce race horses and record breakers as any other son of Alcantara. He gets a strong infusion of Morgan blood through Vermont Black Hawk, and a strain of Clay blood through the dam of George Wilkes, whose dam, Dolly Spanker, many believe to be by Henry Clay. His presence in Prince George County presents an opportunity that breeders should rush to take advantage of.

A general impression seems to exist outside the boundaries of Prince George that it is an indifferent section for grazing purposes. The writer was inclined to the same belief until a few days since, visited the Poplar Neck Stock Farm, located in the vicinity of Upper Marlboro. This fine estate was purchased a few years back by Mr. P. F. Tippetts, of this city, and consists of upward of 400 acres of good tillable land. Few farms, even in old Montgomery, grow better grass than does Poplar Neck, in Prince George. Mr. Tippetts had the farm in his mind's eye ever since he was a small lad, and determined that some day, when he had acquired sufficient means, he would become its owner.

For grazing purposes, no other farm in Prince George is better located or watered. Running water is found in every field, while the land is of a gently rolling nature from the point of the farm. The house is the most commanding in all that region of country. It not only commands

every field on the farm, but the surrounding country for miles in extent. It is Mr. Tippetts' intention to devote much of his time in the future to the breeding of fine light-harness horses; such land as he may not need for breeding and agricultural purposes he will devote to the grazing of city horses. His farm buildings are arranged for keeping horses in winter or summer, and he expects to construct in the near future other buildings of a similar character. Mr. Tippetts is one of those persons who believe that the breeding of the right kind of light-harness horses in Prince George can be made to pay.

At Poplar Neck hold court these two magnificent bred trotting stallions, Von March, 2:24, and Red Prince II, 2:24. As all of Von March's foals are owned by Ann Arundel County, where he did service for the past two seasons, we were unable to ascertain by personal observation how well he is doing as a sire. But we did see some of the get of Red Prince, and, if they are fair specimens of what he can accomplish as a sire, his future as a foal getter is secure. A two-year-old filly by Red Prince was shown to halter, and excited general admiration. She is a rich bay, not far from 15.5 hands high now, and will weigh not far from 1,000 pounds. Her conformation is of the type called speedy, her legs are of the best, and her feet of that round, cup-like form that denotes toughness and the power to withstand the impact of a hard track.

We saw running in the fields the now somewhat noted broodmare Komora, by

W. C. BATES' NELLIE OF PROVEN ABILITY AMONG LOCAL HORSEMEN



NELLIE, OWNED BY W. C. BATES.

Since the craze for speed set in among breeders and owners of light-harness horses the qualities that placed American road horses in a class by themselves have been gradually disappearing. The Morgans were ideal road horses, but the blood of old Justin and his sons has been so diluted that the excellencies of the tribe in their fullness and beauty are almost become a tradition.

Once in a long time nowadays the man who loves to hold the reins over a good horse gets hold of one with the old-fashioned road qualities and plenty of speed.

VREELAND WINS BERKLEY PURSE

Finishes Lengths Ahead of the Field.

Norfolk, Va., April 22.—Vreeland, the 2 to 5 favorite in the Berkley purse this afternoon, made his rivals look like a lot of cart horses, for he won by eight lengths pulled up to a walk. The smart players stood a tap on the winner and backed him from 4 to 5 to 2 to 5. Ragman, an old mud lark, finished second with 19 to 1 chalked up against him for home third. Frank Purcell, the real Finnegan of the meeting, was well played at 2 to 1 for the place. He quit after going a half and finished fourth. This helped the layers considerably. Montclair and Ragman set the pace for a half and the race was over. Hoffman, the real thing of the race, was without a trace as the stags ran. Vreeland won him to race on a slow track.

This was the last Saturday of the meeting and a banner crowd turned out to witness the sport. The rain of last night converted the course into a veritable quagmire and accounted for the many scratches.

The hurdle race resulted in an easy victory for the Lukewarm second choice, St. Abe, which went from 7 to 5 to 1 to a Jack Baker, which closed favorite at 2 to 1 finished second.

The Gentlemen's race was a howling farce. C. E. Crawford got his runner Monsoon off flying, and by ten lengths. The Bird was played by the local talent at 6 to 5 and layers shrieked at the race. B. Carney, who rode the second horse, Jim, kept his mount under restraint all the way. Otter, the third choice, finished third. The others were strung out all over the course.

The summaries: FIRST RACE—Five furlongs, for maidens three-year-olds and upward; Hand Run, 112 (Schuttenger), 6 to 5, won; Hand Run, 112 (Crawford), 3 to 2, second; Pyra, 112 (Crawford), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:19.4. Flashlight, Neva, Dr. Bart, Jockey, Bannock, Brown, and Kirwan also ran. Scratched—Damon and Tiger Jim.

Kushan, 2:15. She is the dam of the phenomenal yearling Burges; also of the two-year-old Bosco, and now has a foal by Red Prince at foot that may surpass any of his half brothers in turf contests. We also saw the now celebrated broodmare Peppina, dam of Manuella, 2:07, and of others that have shown better than 2:30. She is now in fifteenth year, and promises to be fertile for some years to come. It is Mr. Tippetts' intention to increase his broodmare list from time to time as opportunities permit. Mr. Tippetts is proud, and justly so, of a field of affairs which he has had down near his house. His neighbors doubted as to whether alfalfa could be made to flourish in Prince George County soil, but they now no longer doubt.

At Cheltenham, near Poplar Neck, is the State House of Reformation for colored boys, well worthy of careful inspection, which we regret, with the time at hand, we could not give. The land connected with the institution comprises 1,100 acres, 500 of which was recently purchased. To Supt. John B. Pyles is due the present splendid condition of the grounds and the vastly improved condition of the soil, which raises everything consumed by the inmates of the institution. Mr. Pyles is a gentleman of excellent business ability. He superintended the installation of the gas, water, and heating plants, assisted by Teacher George B. Curtis, who is a handy man to have around in any enterprise.

All of the work done on the farm is performed by the boys, and all the improvements that have recently been made to the buildings were made by the boys of the institution under the management of Mr. Pyles. While the boys are taught useful trades, they are also given mental instruction during weekday forenoons by capable instructors. The grounds of the institution are notable for their scenic beauty, and the views to be obtained from them are worth going quite a distance to witness. It is to be regretted that more space could be given to a worthy and well managed State institution.

A brick walk also has been constructed from Park Heights avenue, where the cars unload their passengers, directly to the main entrance. On the back stretch the stables have been painted a dark green, which harmonizes with the inner field and lends additional attractiveness to the scene. The main track on the back stretch also has been widened fifteen feet, which will permit the starting of a greater number of horses in the races that begin from points on the back stretch.

Zraters at Pimlico have been set back considerably by the continual heavy rains and the muddy condition of the track, which has prevented fast working of the horses. The going, however, is firm underneath, and it will take only a day's bright sunshine to put the track in first class condition.

Everybody at Pimlico is looking forward with interest to the arrival of the big Hildreth string of horses, which will reach the course late Monday afternoon. Hildreth will be given his old stable on the back stretch. His lot numbers more than a score, including the mighty Fitzbecker, whose ponies assert to be the greatest race that has been seen on the American turf in a quarter of a century. "Fitz" as he is called by the stable hands, went wrong at Saratoga last summer and has not been to the races since. He started only twice last season, winning an overnight event at Gravesend and the Brooklyn Handicap. Dave Leary, Hildreth's agent, is authority for the statement that Fitzbecker has entirely recovered and will doubtless be seen under colors at the Baltimore track. Another in the Hildreth string that will attract a lot of attention is the three-year-old Novelt, winner of the Futurity, which was run at Saratoga last year. Novelt is training nicely, his owner says, and has grown into a fine three-year-old. "Novelt" is also going along well. All of the Hildreth horses are ready to be set down, and they will get their final work in the coming week. In the same shipment with the Hildreth lot will be the horses of R. T. Wilson, trained by Tom Healey, including the Suburban winner Olambala. Naughton, the crack three-year-old, is in the stable, will not be raced at Pimlico.

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PIMLICO IS READY FOR SPRING MEET

Track in Fine Condition for Opening Saturday.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS MADE

Members' Quarters Moved to New Country Club—Heavy Rains Retard Progress of Trainers—Arrival of Hildreth String Looked Forward to with Interest.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, April 22.—Many improvements will greet the patrons of Pimlico when the spring meeting begins next Saturday. It needs but a few days of bright warm weather to make the old course at Pimlico look its prettiest, for Supt. Brennan has the plant in tiptop shape. One of the notable changes will be in the moving of the club members' quarters to the Country Club of Pimlico, whose commodious building, just inside the first turn, has been one of the landmarks of the Hilltop course for years. This fine building has been leased by the Maryland Jockey Club and will be used for the accommodation of the club members. The house has been repainted and refurbished inside. The spacious verandas offer a fine place of vantage for witnessing the races. A brick walk has been laid from the clubhouse leading past the paddock to the enclosure for members in the grand stand.

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AMONG THE GOLFERS

By TONY SOUSA.

Russell A. Oakley, probably one of the best authorities on proper preparation of golf courses in the country, says that golf clubs make the mistake of playing on the links of a newly constructed field too soon after the seed has been planted. "Seed should be sown on the putting green in September," said Mr. Oakley, "and with proper fertilizing, watering, and rolling will be in shape for playing by the following fall. Shady spots should receive extra fertilization; also places near trees, care being taken with the latter to water frequently and to sow an extra quantity of seed."

Representatives of the various high schools comprising the Western Inter-scholastic Golf Association have arranged a long list of interclub team matches. There is no reason why a golf association such as the above should not be formed in this city. A. T. Stuart, head of the public schools, is heartily in favor of having a golf tournament between players of the different high schools here. Among the scholars there are many good players, and an open tournament might be the means of establishing a permanent golf association.

George M. Oyster is of the opinion that the different golf clubs of this city would willingly let the high school golfists play on the several greens on specified days. This would enable the high school golfers to get a good start and organization would be sure to follow.

During the past week splendid four-somes were played on the Washington Country Club's temporary green. Dr. George E. Truitt, John Davidson, W. H. Littlepage, and Dr. Lorn Johnson were the contestants in most of the four-somes, the best score being 70, which was made by Mr. Littlepage and Dr. Truitt.

Alexander Britton, chairman of the greens committee of the Chevy Chase Club, announces a change of plans in the invitation tournament to be held by the club during the second week in May. By the new arrangement the tournament will not be an open one, but each member will be allowed to invite three friends to play. It seemed to be the general impression that the tournament would be open to all players thereby ensuring the attendance of crack golfists of other cities, as has been done at previous times. The new departure will be watched with interest, and who some predict that it is a better arrangement than other golf clubs are opposed to it, fearing the elimination of "stars" of the game.

Golf clubs of this city have received the schedule as arranged by the Country Club of Atlantic City for the tournament that will be held in that city on April 27, 28, and 29. Qualification play will take place on April 27 and will consist of 18-hole medal play. Contestants not reporting to the clerk of the course by noon will be disqualified. Six sixteens will qualify, but the qualifying committee reserves the right to change any part of the programme at its own option.

President Taft has added another Chicago golfer to his Cabinet, the latest being Walter L. Fisher, of the Onwentsla Club, as Secretary of the Interior.

Benjamin Woodruff, of the Chevy Chase Club, has prepared a new prospectus of the club that is concise and full of information regarding the membership, rules, and general data interesting to members of the club.

Ormsby McCammon states that the shortest length or a hold on golf courses in Scotland is 125 yards, with a maximum of 575 yards. "A hole," said Mr. McCammon, "is not measured by yards, but by the shot or shots required to reach the green. Three, four, middle, and back are placed between holes. This guarantees the playing length to be always the same."

In the annual team match between Cambridge and Oxford the former won by 8 to 2.

Robert H. Connerly, of Austin, Tex., has won the Texas championship for the fourth successive time. His opponent in the thirty-six-hole final was Milby Porter, of Houston, the match going to Connerly by 6 to 5.

up golf and are ardently practicing out at the Columbia Country Club. While they have not made good scores, it is predicted by those that have seen them play that they display much natural ability and should make good at golf.

Frank Upm, secretary of the Washington Country Club, states that the club has a larger waiting list of applicants for membership than at any previous opening of the season.

Alexander Hensley declares that there are almost as many moles trapped each spring at the Washington Country Club as there are fleas on the face of the club's caddies.

The big event at Pinehurst, N. C., last week was the North and South amateur championship. The presence of W. C. Fownes, Jr., the national champion; Chick Evans, the Western open champion, and W. J. Travis made the tournament one of unusual importance. W. J. Travis, to whom every grain of sand at Pinehurst is familiar, was first with 105. W. C. Fownes came next with 110. Young Evans, who had not mastered the sand greens at the time, finished third with 106 in the qualifying round.

Those who prefer the homopoeitic dose of golf to the allopathic may now have their wants satisfied, as Mr. G. R. Crawford, of the Crawford-Barrett Company, of Chicago, informs us that a nine-hole golf course can be laid out on the home lawn. A special set of clubs is required, which can be obtained at a small expense. Lawn golf, it is claimed, has created a new craze, and is said to improve the golfer's short game. Sort of canned golf, it seems.

The following controversy from an English golf magazine has stirred up considerable controversy among the pond: Question—In a bogey competition a player did not play the last two holes, but marked these on his card as lost. His card, so marked, proved to be the best. Should he be adjudged the winner or disqualified? Answer—He should be adjudged the winner. (The question at issue is debatable, and the editor is willing to accept a retainer and make an argument on either side.)

There is a new golf club on the market called the "Devil." Charlie Edwards can now safely play at the Bannockburn links when ladies are around. He can give vent to his feelings by calling to his caddy thusly: "The Devil!"

Dr. Lorn Johnson, chairman of the greens committee of the Washington Country Club, informs me that the new portion of the ground recently acquired by the club will be in shape for playing some time this week. When the holes are placed the permanent green will be established, and it will be larger and better than any course ever yet owned by the Washington Country Club.

Your golf editor went out to Bannockburn last Wednesday morning for the purpose of playing a single with Charlie Thatcher. The game resolved itself into a "mud-polo" contest. Oh! it was just a splashing fine game. When we dried out we felt like two human bricks.

Samples of the far-flying golf ball were received in the city yesterday, and several of the spheres were seized by long snail of information. It is a trifle heavier than the ordinary ball and has a thicker cover.

"SHORT PUTTS."

Inexperienced golf players should by all means try to speak Esperanto. The language contains no swear words.

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Dr. Lee Harban informs us that he contemplates taking a trip to Atlantic City.

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but refuses to tell us when he will go there. Let's see: when did he say that golf tournament was to be pulled off? Lieut. Santelmann was seen going out to Chevy Chase and he carried a contrivance that was said to resemble a masher. It was not a masher, gentle reader; it was a saxophone.

No, gentle reader, Otto Luebke did not use hard-boiled eggs instead of "baby" balls on the greens at the Columbia Country Club Easter Monday. Otto has a better use for hard-boiled eggs.

Some one placed a sign at the entrance to the Bannockburn course last week that reads as follows: "Beware of the ferocious golf lynx." Wonder if they meant Maj. O'Taggart?

The rumor that Scotch thistles will be used at the Bannockburn instead of olives and cherries is erroneous.

Minor League Guide Out.

The Minor League Baseball Guide has just made its annual appearance. This is an official guide of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, and it is edited by that veteran baseball writer, T. H. Murnane, of Boston. It contains the playing rules for professional baseball clubs as adopted by the national association, the schedule for 1911, reports of the association, standing of the clubs at the close of the season, etc. It is fully illustrated. It will be sent to any address in the United States or Canada, postpaid, by the American Sports Publishing Company, 21 Warren street, New York City, upon receipt of 15 cents.



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